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YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS WITH WEST "BETTER"

Belgrade, Dec. 27.—M. Eduard Kardelj, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, told the National Assembly here today that his country's relations with the United States, Britain and France had recently become "better."

He added that there was nothing in those relations that would influence either the internal or the foreign policy of Yugoslavia.

M. Kardelj, who was reviewing Yugoslavia's foreign policy during the past year, claimed that increased trade relations and loans with the West were making Yugoslavia "stronger economically and politically."

Quirino Denies Romance

Manila, Dec. 28.—President Elpidio Quirino termed "fantastic" reports emanating from New York that he plans to marry 22-year-old Filipino opera singer Conchita Gaston.

Prior to her departure from Manila some time ago, the pretty brunette singer's name was romantically linked with that of the widowed President in Manila newspapers after she had been a guest at several private parties attended by Mr. Quirino.

The President at that time promptly denied any romance. He has repeated his denial a couple of times since, when the rumours were repeated from New York since Miss Gaston's debut in the role of "Carmen" with City Centre Opera Company.—Associated Press.

CHIEF INTEREST

New York, Dec. 27.—Conchita Gaston, beautiful Filipino opera star, denied today that she plans to marry the Philippine President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino. "Those are just gossip rumours," she said. "I am 22 years old and I am not married. I am not interested in anything but my career."

MR BEVIN IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 27.—Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived here tonight on the first stage of his journey to Colombo for the Commonwealth conference.

Replying to questions about his health, he said: "I feel all right."

Mr. Bevin was met by Sir Oliver Harvey, British Ambassador in France. He leaves by the Rome Express at 7 p.m. tonight.—Reuter.

H.K. Prisoners Of War Hold Annual Dinner



At the annual dinner in London recently of the Hongkong (Argyle Street) POW Association: from left, Mr Ian Macgregor, Mr Barry Parks and Mr E. Cock. A report of the meeting appears as a Letter To The Editor on Page 5.

REDS SEEKING TO EDGE FOREIGNERS FROM CHINA

The Chinese Communists' policy towards foreigners appears to be to edge them out of China—at least from the interior, writes Chang Kuo-sin, United Press staff correspondent who has just arrived in Hongkong after an overland trip from Shanghai.

A number of foreign missionaries, after observing Chinese Communist rule during the past few months, are given to pessimism as regards the future.

One prominent American missionary, who for obvious reasons cannot be identified, told me that the Chinese Communists, although they avowedly guarantee freedom of religious belief, are out to eliminate freedom of religious action.

He said that the first blow against the Church has already been struck by the Chinese Communists, who closed 80 percent of the rural churches in Shanghai Province, and over 50 percent in Manchuria and Hopei. Officially, the Shanhai churches were sealed because they were "private organisations," which are not permitted to exist, while no official reason has been given for the closure in Manchuria and Hopei.

HANDY WEAPON

A similar policy seems to be followed as regards foreign businessmen despite Mao Tse-tung's assertions that the Reds welcome foreign trade. According to all indications, the Reds do not intend to expel the foreigners officially, but make life so difficult that they will leave voluntarily.

One of the handiest weapons are travel restrictions, whereby

foreigners living in the coastal cities are not permitted to visit out-station or make business trips to other cities. For example, the British manager of a large export firm in Nanking was unable to take his home leave because the Communist authorities did not allow his "colleague in Hankow to travel to Nanking to replace him. They told the latter that he could have a permit to leave China, but not one permitting transfer from one city to another.

COMPELLED TO SELL

Most foreigners believe that they will in the future be permitted to continue in business, but only in the larger cities and ports where they would do all the buying and selling. They believe that they will not be permitted to travel in the interior or maintain branches there after the present staff have been driven out.

Missionary informants said that they have protested to Premier Chou En-lai against the closure of churches. The latter replied that the government would investigate, but no official action has been taken to reopen the churches. Some congregations have not been interfered with, but others are required to follow various regulations. Religious instruction has been banned in some schools, but elsewhere it is allowed to continue as a voluntary course.

In addition to the closing of churches, the Chinese Communists are also restricting the activities of missionaries. Some missionary sources said that they may be designated merely to eliminate foreign influence but to permit the indigenous clergy to remain.

NO LEGAL STANDING

At the present time, the Church has no legal standing, and some missionaries were told that they will have no legal protection as long as foreigners remain on the mission staff.

Travel restrictions are placed on foreign missionaries as well as foreign businessmen. Some missionaries in Anhwei province were not allowed to travel to Nanking even for medical treatment. However, they are being permitted to leave China altogether. Missionaries in Anhwei province are not allowed to move at all. American missionaries in Nanchang were questioned whether they were agents of the American government.

ROTARY SUSPECT

Chinese pastors are also finding life difficult in some places. In Chongking, 50 miles east of Nanking, Chinese pastors were required to register with the police and were questioned ex-

TRAMWAY SERVICE IS SUSPENDED

"Free Ride" Workers Sacked By Company

Hundreds of employees of the Hongkong Tramways Company gathered outside the padlocked doors of the Company's Russell Street depot early this morning when a notice was posted on the main gate informing all conductors who had failed to collect fares during the past four days that they were to be summarily dismissed today.

BIG CUT IN ECA DEMANDED

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Republican Senate leader, Mr. Kenneth Wherry, today advocated a cut of US\$1,500,000,000 in the Marshall Plan appropriation for the next fiscal year instead of the expected \$1,000,000,000 cut.

In a statement to the press, Senator Wherry said: "Congress should take a firm hold on ECA. We should be thinking of procedures for transition from the present gifts and grants policy out of the pockets of American taxpayers to resumption of private enterprise."

He said production was now above prewar levels in ECA countries, whose problems "now can be solved only by themselves." He added: "A reduction of \$1,500,000,000 in the ECA appropriation for the next fiscal year is amply guaranteed by conditions in ECA countries and by the deficit of the United States budget."

TRAGIC BLUNDER

Senator Wherry also accused the United States administration of a "tragic blunder" in policy towards China. As an illustration of the lack of non-partisan approach in foreign policy, Senator Wherry said:

"Neither Congress nor the American people were consulted in the Administration's betrayal of China into the hands of the Moscow-directed Communists of China."

"Some say our country and the world may pay dearly for this tragic blunder, this coddling of the Communists. I hope in the forthcoming session of Congress there will be thorough ventilation of the appalling failure of the Administration with respect to China and our vital interests in the Orient."

FULL ACCOUNTING

While calling for a reduction in Marshall Plan funds, Senator Wherry also said the people of the United States "must have a full, complete accounting for every dollar spent in the thousands of millions of their money that has been scattered over half the world."

"Every enlightened person knows it is to our country's advantage to see the free world prosper. We want to do all we can to further this prosperity, but we must not bankrupt our own country."—United Press.

Delay In Arms Shipments

Washington, Dec. 27.—American officials believe that United States arms and military equipment will begin moving to Western Europe about February 1—a month or so behind schedule.

This delayed start means that the Administration will have only five months to use the \$1,000,000,000 which Congress appropriated to re-arm the Atlantic Pact countries. Officials expressed confidence, however, that the fund could be spent or allocated within the time limit. Much of the delay stems from the unexpectedly long discussions with the British Government over explicit terms.—Reuter.

While police patrolmen maintained a vigilant guard outside all doors leading into the Company's premises, lorryloads of motorised police stood by to deal with any emergency that might arise. So far the Company reports that there have been no incidents.

The tramway depot at North Point was also locked and barricaded. A small party of police was on guard. Workers stood about in groups near the building, but there were likewise no incidents.

The notice posted on the main gate of the depot, signed by Mr. W. F. Simmons, General Manager, says that because of the dismissals the Company will be compelled to withdraw trams from service for the time being.

OTHER EMPLOYEES

Motormen and gatemen, the notice states, are given one week's notice with effect from Friday, December 30, of termination of their employment. Until the notice expires they should report daily at the depot inspector's office at 9 a.m. for such duties as may be required of them.

The service of employees other than those already mentioned will remain unaffected. Any man who wishes to be considered for re-employment must be prepared faithfully to perform the terms of service.

All those dismissed, the notice concludes, may obtain a refund of their security money and wages due to them on handing in all uniforms, passes and equipment at the traffic office on Friday.

WORKERS TO MEET

Leaders of the Tramways Workers' Union have called an emergency meeting of workers for this afternoon to discuss the situation.

The tramway company employs about 2,000 workmen of all grades.

It is estimated by a company official that in the past four days, over a million free rides were given because the conductors did not collect fares. It had cost the company about \$200,000 in takings.

SYRIA STILL WITHOUT GOVERNMENT

Damascus, Dec. 27.—The Syrian Constituent Assembly today refused to accept the resignation of the President-elect, Hashim Atassi, submitted to it yesterday.

Khaled Azim, a former Prime Minister, is expected to form a new Cabinet tonight.

Army officers, led by Colonel Abih Shishakali, seized power on December 10, after arresting the Chief of Staff, General Sam Hinnawi, who took over in the same way himself only five months earlier.

Khaled Azim was asked last week to form a Cabinet but failed.

The President-elect, Atassi, then entrusted Hashim Kodal with the Premiership.

After being in office for only 24 hours Kodal resigned on Sunday night. No reason was given, but reports which reached Beirut, in neighbouring Lebanon, said that his action was due to censorship and control imposed by the Army on the actions of his Ministers.

Hashim Atassi, who has not yet taken his oath as President after being elected head of the State earlier this month, then also submitted his resignation.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Art Of Propaganda

THERE are all sorts of ways of propagating doctrines, ideas and systems, and the Russians have not been teaching the world anything new in the way of methods. The differences between propaganda in the Soviet Union today and in Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy before the war would be hard to discover, except in matters of degree and effectiveness. The All-Union Art Exhibition held recently in the Russian capital was a striking reminder of the sort of "art" exhibitions that glorified Hitler and Mussolini in the thirties. Flattery of rulers is as old as the existence of man, and the subservience of art to specific subject matters is by no means new. The interesting feature for all art lovers is to note the way the process destroys the quality of art. We have all seen photographs of the type of paintings and sculpture now being done in the Soviet Union, and in all the satellite countries, and the best that can be said of any of them is that they are sometimes academically or technically competent. An artist can be given a theme and still execute a great work, but he cannot be told how he must work, what his style must be, what details are permitted, what atmosphere and spirit, how he can live while he works, and, above all, what he must not

do. Genius is free, imaginative, creative. Shackles it, and you get a dull stereotyped art which is as much a betrayal of truth as the false words used to bolster the same policies which that art is forced to serve. Whether it be a war of ideas or a war of words, the object is the same. General Walter Bedell Smith, former United States Ambassador to Soviet Russia, in his memoirs now appearing in a leading magazine, reveals how his confidence was betrayed by Molotov because the Russians wanted to score a point in the cold war with the West—and they did so in that case with telling effect. The basis in any and every case has to be a false standard, whether the mode of expression is painting or diplomacy. The difference, perhaps, is that totalitarian art could conceivably lead to a neo-classical form, with some merit inside its regimentation, but totalitarian diplomacy can only lead to chaos and complete distrust between nations. It was the means of Mussolini and of Hitler, and it is now the policy of the Russian leaders. But if negotiations, pledges and treaties are only sometimes honoured, international relations will break down. There can be no quicker way back to the Dark Ages than that.

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WOMANSENSE

If The Child Smart Lines and Chic Veils

Refuses
His Food

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

YOU may have a child three years old whose mealtime is a nightmare for him and you. Because of him the mealtime of the entire family may be a miserable period, assuming that he eats with the family as is usually the case. He probably refuses certain essential foods and screams his demands for other foods he prefers and finally wins his way. All the while intense annoyances have developed. At times he has been commanded to eat and on his refusal may have had food pushed into him.

Unless you are sure you can win the rest of the family to co-operate you had better have him eat at a low table next to the family meal begins. If he eats with the family, one person should take complete charge of him at meals, with no attention or remarks from any other person. Either have him sit at a low table next to the family table or in a chair high enough for him to see all the family and eat comfortably. He will feel more grown-up if there is no tray on the high chair.

Under Control

Don't attempt any corrective programme except to train yourself and to let him alone so far as possible until you have got him well under control between meals and apart from toilet training. Educate him during the unambiguous period of "No." So that, for instance, when he is facing a specific danger of injuring something or some person deliberately he will stop at once when you say "No" or "Stop." With consistent training you might accomplish such in a week or two.

With this well achieved you have some good preparation for training him at the table. Then when he is not to have a food he wants it, he will be ready to accept this "No" as final and without emotional explosion. If he has been pushing or throwing food, which he dislikes, from his plate, or has been playing with it, or if he often has slid down from his chair to run about, a quiet "No" will suffice. His refusal for "No" away from the meal must be so well established that you will need to say it only once and in a moderate tone. You certainly don't wish to slap his hands or thighs at mealtime since the pain can reduce the attraction of food offered him. There must be no emotional conflicts, for real success.

Small Helpings

Place before him one food at a time in very, very small helpings, the one most important first. Let him have no other food till this is consumed. Don't command or coax him to eat it, and don't push it into him. But if he has not chosen of his own accord to eat it after a few minutes just remove the food or let him get down, you saying not another word. See that he can have no other food till the next regular mealtime. If he has eaten the first food offered, with bare hands or tools, give him the next, and so on. Your chief objective is to train him to eat what is placed before him and to conform to your chosen sequence.

Be sure the amount of each food is very small: a tablespoonful of milk at first in his glass is far better than a whole glass full; two peas or lima beans better than a tablespoonful of them, and so on.

Proper Care
For Expectant
Mother

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE health—and sometimes even the lives—of the expectant mother and her baby depend on proper care during pregnancy. Important as it is, however, this kind of care need not be expensive or bothersome. Its aims are largely preventive and its chief requirement is that the mother place herself under the care of a competent doctor as soon as pregnancy is suspected.

At the first visit, the physician makes a complete physical examination so that any abnormal conditions may be discovered and eliminated. A search is made for any infections which can be treated and cleared up.

X-Ray Examination

If it is suspected at this time that there is any deformity of the hip bones or pelvis, an X-ray examination may be made. If any deformity is discovered, the proper procedures can be planned for the future.

At each visit it is important that a urine examination and a blood count be made. It is also important on the first visit that the blood be tested for venereal disease, such as syphilis, and that tests be made for the Rh factor. Even if the blood test for syphilis is positive, with modern treatment the mother's health may be restored and the baby will be born free from infection. The patient's blood type should also be determined. The blood typing is done so that if an emergency arises, which requires a blood transfusion or an injection of blood into a vein, the necessary procedure can be carried out without delay.

Unless the patient is overweight, a strict diet is usually unnecessary. The patient must, however, follow a well-regulated diet including meat, milk, eggs, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain cereals. It is advisable to cut down on the fats and sweets so that an excessive gain in weight will not occur during pregnancy. A weight gain of two to three pounds a month is satisfactory.

During each subsequent visit to the doctor, the patient is weighed, blood pressure taken and, if necessary, blood counts carried out.

Quick Change Tricks



By ALICE ALDEN

WELL selected accessories enable a small wardrobe to put on quite a show. Here's a smart but simple "little black jersey frock that would be right for the office and acquires after-five glitter by the addition of new Criss Cross pieces. Loops of gold criss cross a modillion of blue enamel studded with tiny rhinestones in checkerboard design. A matching bracelet, earrings, and a jeweled turtle complete the set.

Mr. John, Inc.
By PRUNELLA WOOD

MR. JOHN has chosen the neat head, with hat and hair lined smoothly together, as this winter's millinery mood. Two examples... the small black corded velvet cloche, curved against one cheek, the brimmed, high crowned white hat of mirrored felt to frame the entire head... are typical. The black hat is veiled with black, the white model, with white.



Keep Pots and Pans Shining

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOTHING is so indicative of a really meticulous and houseproud homemaker as sparkling clean, shining pots and pans. It isn't very pleasant to have to hustle into the kitchen before a guest enters to get those dull old aluminum saucepans or that chipped enamel one out of the way.

Don't let soiled cooking utensils pile up. For your good and for theirs, soak utensils as soon as they are empty or have been used. But don't oversoak aluminum since it has a tendency to darken the metal. Wash them as soon as possible, soaking only long enough to dislodge clinging food particles. Don't use an aluminum saucepan for cooking eggs, since the sulphur tends to cause discoloration. Enamelware, stainless steel or glass are best for egg cookery.

Make it a practice to polish aluminum utensils after each use. It is but a jiffy job and soon becomes a part of the washing-up process. That way you will always have bright pots and pans. Despite everything there's nothing like a fine steel-wool pad and soap to remove dark stain and keep the aluminum bright. These pads are so inexpensive that we are often amazed to see rusty worn out bits of pad still on the job. A large-size box of steel wool pad is inexpensive and with a good supply at hand, it is easy to use a pad a couple of times and then replace it with a fresh one.

If an aluminum pan has become badly discoloured, one of the easiest ways to take care of it is to cook an acid food in the utensil. Tomatoes, applic-

Fashionable
Informality

By VERA WINSTON

CHECKING UP
ON CHECKS

CHECKING up on checks... that are certainly in full bloom for the new season. The check plot is one of the strongest and is repeated in all corners of young ready to wear. Worsteds and tweeds checks appear in suits and toppers. Miniature and giant versions are liked for cottons. Novelty checks accent sportswear. "We like checked combinations," manufacturers say in discussion of the different style treatments they will use. The shorter looking boxy jackets usually with high pockets and pleated or full gathered skirt appear as a strong silhouette type.

Butterscotch, caramel, and ginger... flash across the spring horizon as likely colours for suits and toppers. Sun gold, a sulphur shade, is repeated often by manufacturers who mention it as good for "deceitful" houses like the muted pastel shades in woollens, others favour clear pastel shades but all agree that pastels will be very important. Red, white and blue combinations look more promising every day.

Keep Nails in Tip-Top Condition



Martha Hyer, screen star, likes to manicure her own nails in between regular trips to the beauty shop. After careful cleaning, shaping, she applies polish.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FASTIDIOUS care of the finger nails is as necessary as the fastidious care of the hair, even more so as soiled nails may harbour bacteria, be a menace to the health. Manicurists say that the use of rosy polish has made some girls careless about keeping the nails beautifully clean, that the surrounding cuticle is not creamed as it should be.

Appearance isn't everything. Nails suffer from neglect, become thicker, show ridges. Professional grooming, by a conscientious operator, isn't the whole story either, because a three-minute friction with cream every night is a part of every woman's beauty duties. By brisk massage the under-lying flesh is nourished by the blood streams and the nail fabric is kept in condition. Do it get the idea that cream will

cause polish to go patchy; it won't. You cannot put the bright veneer on a creamed surface, but you can use cream without dimming the glow.

By frequent anointing, the surrounding flesh is kept pliable and free of the nails. If it clings at any point it will break in time; then you'll have hang-nails.

If you flush up any shreds with the orange wood stick with the curved needle point scissors. When buying manicure instruments of any kind, do not economize. Buy those of high grade steel. They last a lifetime.

If manicure scissors become dull, take them to a store where barber shop supplies are sold, they will be tightened and the blades sharpened.



Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Buffet Dinner For Guests

MADAME, it is the company. It is totally unexpected, but they are very welcome! And naturally they must be invited to stay for supper, out!

"Oh, yes, but immediately comes the thought, what shall I serve? The pick-up dinner planned for the family won't be enough for a company of ten."

"You are right, Madame. The supper should be easy with no special cooking or serving."

"I would therefore suggest buffet service."

"Even so, Madame, since the weather is cool, I think a tasty hot bouillie would be good for everybody, from baby to grandpa. It can come from the tin, or bouillie cubes or broth powder can be combined with cream or undiluted evaporated milk, the cooked celery and chestnut. Dust with minced parsley.

Escalloped Corn
Butter or margarine in a t-sized baking dish. Mix together 1 (No. 2) tin good quality cream-style corn and 1 line-minced corn and 1 line-minced corn. Sprinkle with 2 chicken bouillie cubes and 2 beef bouillie cubes. Simmer 45 min. Then drain off the liquid and season to taste. Cream together 2 1/2 tsp. butter or margarine and 3/4 tsp. flour. Add 1/2 c. of the hot liquid and stir until smooth. Then return to the soup-pan. Cook and stir until boiling. Add 1 c. top cream or undiluted evaporated milk, the cooked celery and chestnut. Dust with minced parsley.

Club Sandwiches
"Or she could serve junior club sandwiches, Madame. They are popular in hotels and restaurants, but they can be served at home, even made at the table. They need sliced poultry or you can even use roast pork; a slice of cooked bacon for each sandwich; crisp lettuce; mayonnaise; and some sliced tomato; or you can substitute chopped celery salad if you do not have tomato. Also you need white bread toast—which can be made at the dining table—use three slices with the crusts cut off for each sandwich. To put together, spread the bottom slice with mayonnaise. Put on a layer of the sliced meat, then one of the lettuce which should be shredded so it will not slide out. Then comes the second slice of toast also spread with mayonnaise, and next the tomato or celery and the strip of bacon cut in half. On the top goes the third piece of toast spread with mayonnaise. When the sandwich is made, press it together so the filling will not slide out; then cut in triangles. And for dessert a fruit bowl, nuts, and coffee. Et voilà!"

Browned Mackerel Soufflé
Preheat the broiling compartment in oven for 10 min. Clean and split 2 (1 lb.) mackerel, or use 1 large mackerel. Wash in cold water and drain on absorbent paper towels. Brush both sides with melted butter, margarine or oil. Dust lightly with flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Oil the broiling rack. Place the fish, skin side up, on it and slide in about 2" from the heat. Season and continue to broil about 8 min. longer or until light brown, and the flesh flakes away from the bones.

Sauce Soufflé
Brown 2 tsp. butter or margarine with 2 tsp. flour. Stir in 1/2 c. chopped raw onion; continue to stir until lightly browned. Then gradually stir in 1 c. water or liquid drained from cooked potatoes. Add 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Roast Smoked Shoulder
Smoked shoulders are a good buy and may be cooked by any method used for smoked ham. An interesting glaze is made by spreading the "balled" or pressed shoulder with cranberry sauce, dusting with brown sugar, stuffing with whole cloves and baking in a slow oven, 350 F., about 30 min. to glaze. Or try it Florida style.

Dinner
Celery Cream Soup Croutons
Broiled Mackerel or
Fish Fillets Soufflé
Spanish Rice Escalloped Corn
Pickles
Minced Fruit Pie (Reheated)
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

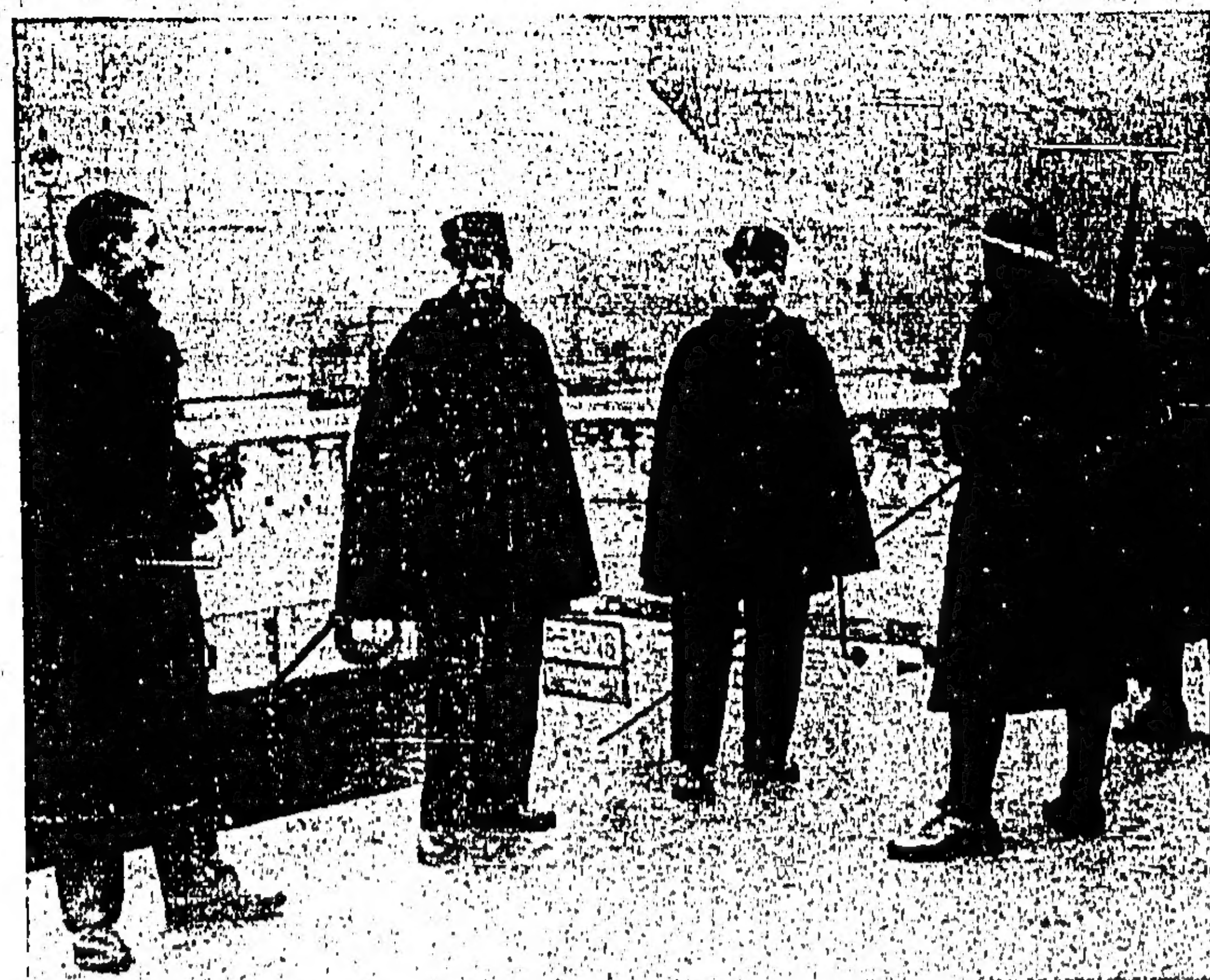
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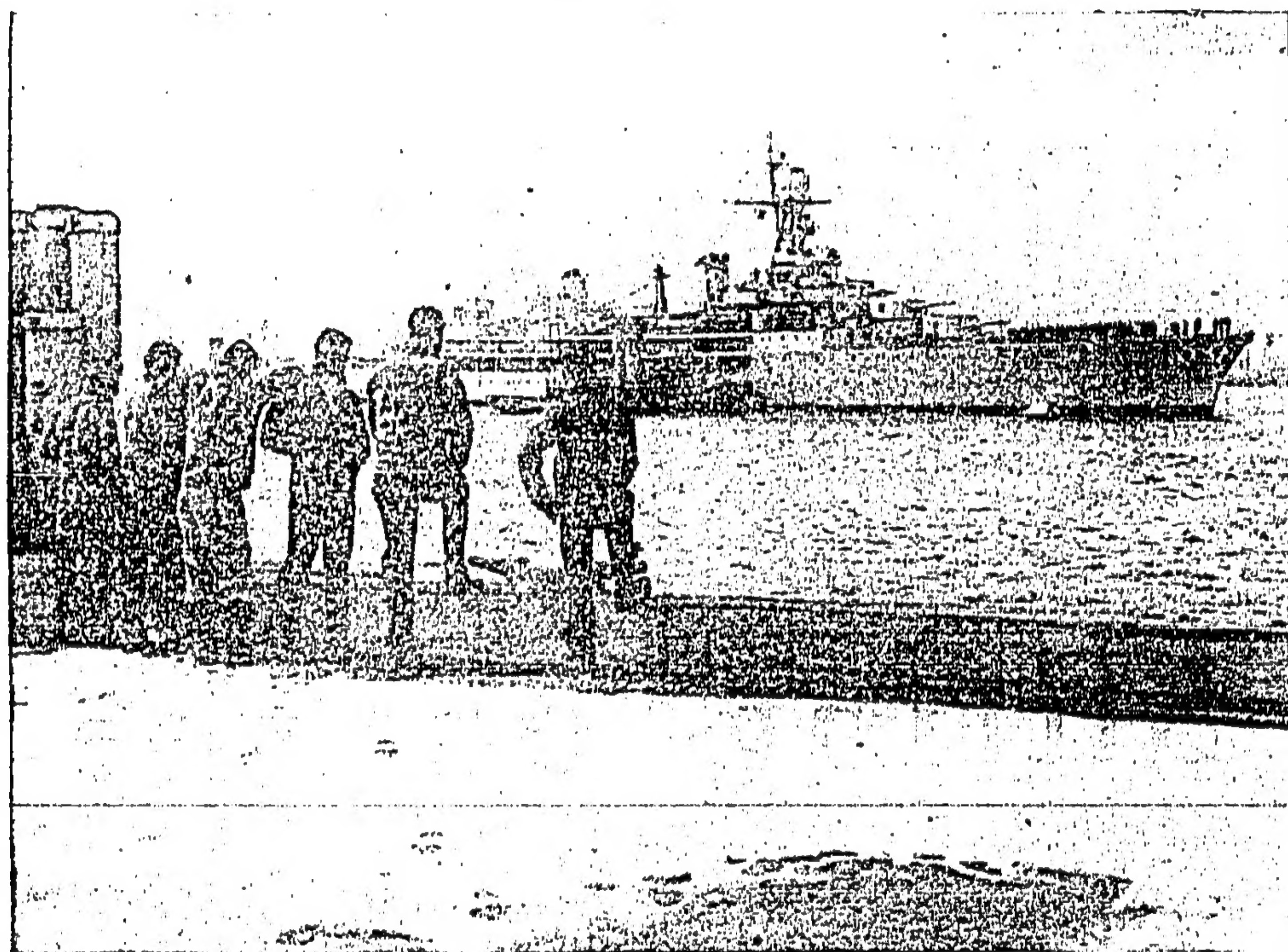
WHOOPIING IT UP—These American Boy Scouts are putting on a show in New York for the benefit of 25 recently-arrived European war orphans. Dressed as Indians and Puritans, the Scouts gave the displaced children a welcome they'll always remember.



FISH SCALE FLOWERS — Mrs. Harry C. Isaac of Randolph, Massachusetts, changed her hobby into a lucrative business. She treats ordinary fish scales and makes them into delicate, soft-coloured petals of roses to be worn in corsages at social functions.



ON GUARD—Police officers guarded an underground station in Paris against possible sabotage when France went through a 24-hour general strike called by Communist and Socialist labour unions which demanded higher pay. Although things were slowed down, the strike was ineffective.



VISITING—U.S. seamen look on as the French training cruiser, Jeanne D'Arc, arrives in New York for a visit with its crew of 577 men and 150 midshipmen. The warship was in the Italian invasion during the war, and is taking the trainees on their annual cruise.



THE WINNER—Mickey McCormack, in New York, entered a contest with several thousand barmaids and was chosen as the prettiest and most talented of them all.



HEADING FOR SANTA ANITA—The English racehorse, Wonder Why, is shown in his stall aboard ship upon arriving in New York. With the three-year-old are Percy Serby, left, his jockey, and Maurice King, the owner. Wonder Why will be flown to California to run against Citation at the Santa Anita race track.



EXPENSIVE—After six months' work, the western shirt on the back of this fellow in Tucson, Arizona, is now worth US\$2,500. The beadwork on the cuffs alone took 104 hours. The girl on the wagon demonstrates styles for feminine dudes.



RARE MODEL — The toucan is being painted on the bathing suit of pretty Juanita Wintermute at a rare bird farm in Miami, Florida. The bird also acted as an unofficial critic and croaked some sounds of approval at both the girl and the painting.



ALL DAY—Actress Ann Miller, in Hollywood, wears a fine black gabardine suit with geometric detail in beige that will see her through the day from morning till night. Ann's off-the-face hat of black chenille sets off the ensemble.



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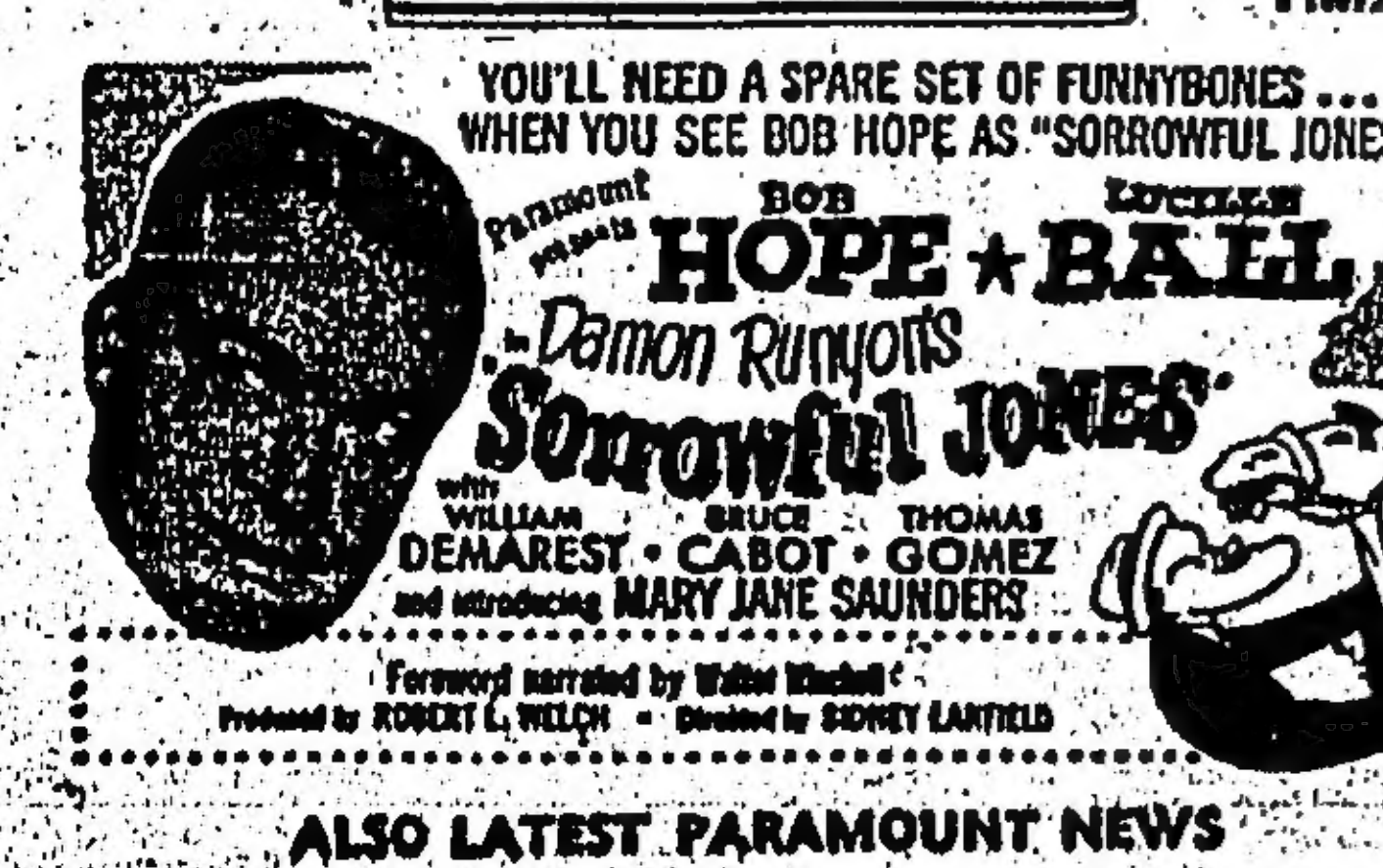
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CHAPTER NINE

WHEREVER the Temple agents went they defamed and slandered Jesus. He was not a prophet; not even a charlatan, a pretender to medical knowledge; He was ridden by a devil! These undeniable powers of His were black magic, straight out of hell.

Soon the tale of what the Temple agents said of Him came back to the Twelve. "Whom do the people say that I am?" Jesus asked keenly. The fervent John, and James, Andrew, and the others, who were believed, some of the people thought He was John the Baptist, cadaver out of the grave. Others thought He was Elias, or some other prophet of olden time, reincarnated. "But whom do you say that I am?" Jesus persisted. This was a question they felt ready for. There was a moment's silence, then Peter stood up and hoarsely cleared his throat. "You," declared Peter, lifting his beard and forcing back his mighty shoulders, "are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah!" exclaimed the Master. "Because flesh and blood has not revealed it to you but my Father, who is in heaven. And I say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven."

Not one but was deeply affected, not only the Twelve but the Master. He charged them with the most sacred secret. Now was not the time to insist bluntly to the public that He was the Christ. The mere assertion would call down upon themselves the full weight and ferocity of Jerusalem.

Coming Struggle

CALMLY He forecast on that calm summer afternoon the coming struggle and its outcome. Not one of the Twelve could ever argue afterward that what happened in Gethsemane and on Golgotha was a surprise to Him. Jesus foretold it all several times; already it was clear to Him how He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things and be put to death.

"Lord," groaned Peter, feeling in the new authority he had just received strong enough to protest, "be it far from You! This shall not be!"

Not alarm, but an instinctive awareness of danger flashed into the Master's face as He heard Peter's words. "Go behind Me, Satan!" whispered Jesus, looking directly at his friend, as if he were casting out a devil. "You are a scandal to Me because you like not the taste of things that are of God but the things that are of men."

Peter bowed his shaggy head. Five minutes after having been called the foundation of the church he had been called Satan by the Son of God. Like the good man he was, he prayed for grace.

Meanwhile, as if prodded on by some deep necessity, Jesus told them flatly that the Kingdom of God was near at hand. "There are sons who stand till they see the Kingdom of God." Not know death? Yet Peter died. So did John and James, and all the Twelve. For twenty centuries afterward men would argue about that declaration.

State Of Grace

YET only a few days later the prophecy came true. Peter and James and John came to the state of grace, miraculously, instantaneously, and with an exaltation that probably surpassed any other single human experience. That was when they witnessed the remarkable phenomenon on the top of Mount Tabor.

CONTINUING FULTON OURSLER'S STORY OF THE LIFE OF JESUS

When they were quite apart to themselves, Jesus knelt down on the stubble and dried-up grass and began to pray, and the others knelt with Him. Presently Peter and James and his brother John became aware that something extraordinary was happening. Some inexplicable access of power had suddenly taken hold of the Master. He was not now as He had been even five minutes before.

The first great, overwhelming fact that His three friends had to grasp was that the shape of the Master's countenance was altered. That, and a moment later the equally visible and undeniable fact that His garment became white and glittering.

The robe that Jesus wore that afternoon was the robe of a teacher of Palestine, long and flowing, and no matter how clean in the morning, it was bound to be stained by dust before He had walked far. But now the garment, for all its frayed hem, was pure and glittering, as if woven not of common cotton and wool, but of some incomprehensible substance, soft and shining.

"He is being transfigured before us," Peter said in a hoarse whisper.

Moses And Elias

AND now two others suddenly appeared and began talking with Jesus. The three fishermen standing on the mountain top not only saw the Master with Moses, the great leader dead all those vanished centuries, and Elias, long-buried, but they heard them talk, listening to what they talked about.

It was too much; the other world will always be too much for mortal eyes and ears. Their minds grew dense, their eyelids heavy, and they fell asleep.

Waking, they found themselves in the close of the strange experience. As the Apostles rubbed their eyes, not knowing how long they had slept, light was shining around their beloved Leader. They saw the two celestial visitors retreating, walking as it were, not into space but into some unknown dimension—figures that presently disappeared.

"Master!" came Peter's mighty voice, "it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tabernacles. One for you, one for Moses, one for Elias."

Before he could go on, a fog fell upon the scene and they heard a voice:

"This is My beloved Son; hear Him."

The three Apostles now were so scared that they fell face downward on the ground and stayed there until Jesus touched them and told them to get up.

Bound To Secrecy

NO more voices then! No more shining figures. Only Jesus smiling and binding them to secrecy.

The obligation of silence had been laid in frightening terms: "Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man shall be risen from the dead."

In their uncertainty the three fishermen quizzed each other in private. What did He mean—when He was risen from the dead?

Again Jesus repeated His prediction that He was to die a violent death. His persecution would come from the very people who should support Him. Truth but would not. No words that He spoke, no deed He would do would soften their hearts.

Already a case of blasphemy might possibly be made against Him—if they could prove that He represented Himself to be of divine origin. Only, it did not seem to them too precise a case as yet because the people knew He was so poor. Even the most stupid man would not expect the Messiah to be born poor and humble! So they hurried back their reports to Jerusalem, upon which the high priest in the Temple turned lavender with ire.

Looked Certain

HERE was a plan that looked like a certainty. And so simple! Thus the next morning, when Jesus walked calmly into Jerusalem and appeared in the Temple, returning to his speeches, a band of Temple guards were busy elsewhere on business of the high command. From out of the caustic truffle of some hideous bystreet they hurried a woman from an adulterous bed. She was the bait for the trick they meant to play.

As Jesus sat in the Temple, teaching busily, a delegation of men suddenly appeared with the adulteress by the arm. They shoved her in the open space between Him and His listeners, and one guard stood forward as interrogator. He spoke with deep respect, suave, indignant, and with every appearance of sincerity:

"Master, this woman was even now taken in adultery. Now Moses in the Law commanded us to stone such as she. What do you say?"

This kind Jesus from the Bethlehem stable, this healer of the sick—was He likely to order the woman to be stoned to death? They knew it was not in Him to do it. Yet, on the other hand, if He told them they might disregard the Law, He was also guilty of a crime that called for death. Oh, here, now, was a most cunning trap! Jesus' eyes went from face to face, His gaze straight and full of question. He did not seem to notice the envenomed prisoner. Clearly the man who

was her partner in adultery had not been detected. Having looked at all the guards and Temple scholars one by one, eye to eye, the Master leaned forward on his knees and with the nail of a lean brown forefinger wrote in the dust.

There were those who said afterward that what He wrote was a list of women—imminences of the members of this outraged delegation. When Jesus looked up again over His shoulder, He said calmly:

"He that is without sin among you—let him cast the first stone." And stooping down again, He resumed His mysterious writing in the dust.

The trick had failed! For each man there knew about the improprieties of the others. And they could all read the writing in the sand. And so they hurriedly went out, beginning with the oldest man.

The woman lay there, grovelling on the stone pavement, abjectly prostrate. Jesus sat back, relaxed, and smiled at her—such a tender smile as she had never hoped to see on any man's face. His head a little to one side, He asked:

"Woman, where are those that condemn you? Has no man condemned you?"

"No man, Lord."

"Neither will I condemn you. Go!"

And she was almost out of earshot when He called after her: "And—sin no more!"

Wiser Heads Needed

BUT the Pharisees knew they were getting nowhere with Him; the chief counselors decided that their agents sent out to ensnare Him had not been very clever. Wiser heads were needed now.

That was why, on a twilight walk from the synagogue at Bethany, Jesus was stopped by a rich old Pharisee who invited Him to dinner. Here was news! Never before had Jesus been given social recognition so near the capital.

The Pharisee who invited him, a tall, sallow man with the cold eyes of an undertaker, never did cease regretting it for the rest of his natural life—because things went wrong for the host from the moment Jesus entered the house. It began when the Pharisee noticed, to



THE LIGHT

his shocked dismay, that Jesus had not washed before dinner.

The Pharisee did not mention the omission. He merely thought about it. What he did not realize was that he was in the presence of one from whom no thought could be concealed. It was not merely that Jesus knew what the Pharisee was thinking about washing before meals. He knew the whole psychological history of this Pharisee; and why he had invited a wayside teacher in to dine. That old Pharisee also thought that Jesus would be flattered by the invitation. That would soften Him up, making Him ready to be wheedled. Soon the vanguard would be heady, giddy, talkative—He would say too much; why, they might even be able to nab Him before the dessert.

Jesus knew that was how the Pharisee thought and how he had planned his evening. When the Master entered the house, He did not wash for the single reason that He had

no intention of remaining there to break bread with this old schemer. Instead, the dinner still untouched, He seized the occasion to give His host and other guests a lesson they would never forget. He began by directly answering His host's discomfort because He had not washed; in quiet voice He stated simply:

Hypocrites

"YOU Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter. But your inside is full of rapine and iniquity. . . . 'Hypocrites. Because you are like whitened sepulchres, which outwardly appear to men beautiful but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness.'"

After that outspokenness Jesus arose and went quickly out of the house. That same night a second council was convoked in Jerusalem. The lawyers and the Pharisees came together for what was like an ecstasy of

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Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"Mme. Ana Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Secretary is out of favour with the Kremlin."—News Item.

THE suspense is terrible. What are they doing to my darling?

I have made no secret of my uncontrollable passion for the enchanting woman Communist. Have I not declared my love in print, and written a rhyming tribute to her beauty?

Middle-aged I may be, and married, too. But love laughs at locksmiths—and that includes the one in a white surplice who looks you up for life at the altar.

Throughout the sleepless nights I have seen the black eyes fill with tears, the black bobbed head bowed in sorrow and the garlic stew and black bread (my darling's favourite) left untouched.

O, Venus of Rumania! Your sorrows would I gladly share. If could but remain with you.

To hold your hand and stroke your hair. Through life together we could go.

False friends in Moscow we could bear. And visions of delight would glow.

Through the garlic-scented air.

Well played, sir.

ALTHOUGH it might have been a genuine mistake, the attempt by Italian footballers to substitute a fresh player during

the second half of the Soccer match between England and Italy last week will make every cricket lover glad that foreigners have so far left the game alone.

If and when the "lesser breeds without the law" (Kipling) take up bat and ball the following incidents may be expected:

A foreign umpire tripping up the fast England bowler as he reaches the wicket to deliver the ball.

The foreign captain calling heads to a two-headed penny placed in the English captain's pocket by a foreign cricket spy.

The foreign fast bowler substituted by another foreign fast bowler of similar appearance during the tea interval.

This would be easy if the foreign players were Japanese, because they all look exactly alike.

Doped glasses of lemonade brought out to English fieldsmen by another cricket spy, who has murdered the pavilion walter and stolen his uniform.

The night before the match, English willow bats stolen and plastic bats substituted by a third cricket spy.

Instead of the new ball the foreign umpire to give the foreign bowler a hand-grenade to fight for every mouthful as flashing paw hooks food off.

fork. I got about two forksfuls in three.

Try to reach workroom unobserved, but Lottie dashes ahead and is waiting on desk with toy mouse. Play for a while, hoping she will tire and go to sleep. Lottie still full of Amy's clear desk in few short rushes. While picking up notes, papers, letters, Lottie jumps on back, expecting Grand National over chairs, tables.

Try to write, type while Lottie plays with pencils, typewriter keys.

AFTERNOON.—Lottie sleeps on chest while I try to catch up on reading newspapers.

EVENING.—Switch on radio for six o'clock news. Lottie hates news. Howls to go out. Let her out, Lottie hates cold. Howls to come in. Let her in. This goes on till news is over and nobody knows if America has blown herself to bits with atomic energy or if British housewife is to have couple more eggs for cakes.

Go for walk. Lottie follows 20 yards, howling.

Return for supper. Am evidently late. Lottie's howl becomes nagging whine.

Try to listen to radio plays, talks, music. Lottie hates them all. Spend evening opening and shutting doors to let her out, in.

Am in bed just dropping off to sleep. Lottie howls outside door. Carry her downstairs, protesting, to shut her in kitchen.

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Amnesty For Prisoners In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 27. — The Yugoslav Interior Minister, Alexander Rankovic, asked today for a "mass movement" to strengthen Yugoslavia's anti-aircraft and air raid defences. In a speech before the Yugoslav Parliament, which lasted for more than an hour, Rankovic also announced that the Government will grant an amnesty to more than 7,000 prisoners.

Attempted Escape From Prison Van

Calcutta, Dec. 27. — Two prisoners were killed, and several others received bullet injuries, when a prison van in North Calcutta suddenly fell upon them as they attempted to escape.

The prisoners, who were being carried from Dum Dum, on the northeastern outskirts, to Howrah, in central Calcutta, attempted to smash their way through the guard rails and in the ensuing scuffle shots were fired.

The driver, hearing the shooting within the van, drove at top speed to the nearest hospital where the van was opened and the injured admitted. Two of the prisoners were found to be dead. — Reuter.

US Airmen Safe Near Tsingtao

Washington, Dec. 27. — Two United States naval flyers who have been missing for 14 months are being held near Tsingtao in Communist China and are safe and well, according to Chinese Communist reports.

The flyers, Elmer Bender and William Smith, disappeared on a flight from Tsingtao.

The State Department today announced that the Communist Foreign Affairs Bureau at Tsingtao during the first week of December informed the United States Consul, Carl Hawthorne, that the men were safe and well in the largest Communist military base just outside Tsingtao.

"Delay in the receipt of this report was due to lack of radio communications with United States officials at Tsingtao," the State Department explained in a telegram to their next of kin.

The Department press spokesman, Michael McDermott, announced simultaneously that the United States Consul at Tsingtao was closed to the public on October 15 and the Consul staff is now awaiting transportation to Shanghai and eventual departure from China.

The Department said it is trying to get more information about Smith and Bender and "to effect their release." The report was transmitted to the United States. It was the Communist's first official admission that they were holding the flyers. — United Press.

TUC MOVE TO CURB PROFITS

London, Dec. 27. — The 8,000,000-member Trade Union Congress today called for a thorough Government check on excessive profits in industry to complement its own drive to curb inflation by holding wages down.

In a 5,000-word report on wages policy, the TUC said its General Council would convey to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, its views on "exceptionally high profits which are likely to be made in certain industries as an indirect result of inflation."

The General Council are of the opinion that insufficient attention is being given by large sections of industry to the need for avoiding excessive profits.

On wages, the General Council made no suggestion for a standstill on wage earnings, but expressed the hope that "as productivity increases, the earnings of a large section of work people will be increased." — United Press.

Mayor Takes A Wife



Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York slips the ring on the third finger, left hand of Miss Elizabeth Sloan Simpson during the wedding ceremony at St Joseph's Church, Stuart, Florida. Left to right are David Martin, best man, Mayor O'Dwyer, Miss Simpson and Mrs Edward Bernecker, matron of honour. (AP Picture).

Professional Team Offers Advice To Marriage-minded

Copenhagen, Dec. 27. — Before you finally decide to marry the girl, have a good look at her mother—and the girl should have a good look at her future father-in-law. This advice is contained in a book entitled "So You Are Going To Get Married" (VI Skat Gifter), published here this month (December).

Written by a team of six professional men and women, the book sets out in considerable detail the

various aspects of the problems of engagement and marriage.

In its foreword, the book has the old Russian proverb: "Before you go to war, pray once; Before you go to sea, pray twice; But before you get married, pray thrice."

In a chapter headed "If Marriage is To Last," a doctor writes: "One should see one's future mother-in-law before finally deciding. The girl, on her part, should insist on getting to know her future father-in-law."

Although one does not marry the other's party's family, the doctor says, it is vital to know the background of one's partner. In this way, it is possible to get an impression of how one's betrothed is likely to develop and how he or she will look at the silver wedding.

CARELESS RAPTURE

A thorough understanding of each other's character and faults is vital to any lasting marriage, the doctor adds.

Any false ideas of the careless rapture of engagement are dispelled in a chapter written by a lawyer. Ploughing through any conception of starry-eyed evenings amid soft lights and sweet music, the lawyer opens with:

"An engagement is an agreement between a man and a woman to get married at some future date."

He concludes with the observation that if the engagement is for some reason broken off, the parties have a legal right to demand the return of any presents given, on the understanding that the marriage would take place. — Reuter.

Six-year-old Breadwinner Unemployed

Paris, Dec. 27. — Six-year-old Nicole Vaisiere, top breadwinner of her family, is unemployed today because a French judge ruled that big snakes are not proper pets for little girls.

Nicole drew crowds daily to the family sideshow in Montmartre to watch her play with her five-foot Brazilian python. As a feature of the act, she put the snake's head in her mouth.

The judge said that must stop.

Marcel Vaisiere, Nicole's father, protested that the snake was harmless. "Besides," he said, "I think anything would like Nicole."

When the judge stood firm, Vaisiere shrugged his shoulders and said he guessed the family's travelling show would make out somehow.

To keep out of trouble with the courts, he said, the family probably would leave Nicole in Paris with friends when it packed up and set out on its next tour. — United Press.

Peking To Establish National Trade Unions

San Francisco, Dec. 27. — The Chinese Communist radio said that 10 national trade unions will be set up in China before May Day, 1950, to bring Communist China's labour organisation into line with nation-wide economic planning, now that virtually the entire Chinese sub-continent has been unified under the Peking Communist Government.

The broadcast referred to a circular by the All-China Federation of Labour, instructing trade unions throughout China to establish such national trade unions before May 1950.

According to the circular, the following groups of workers will be organised on a national scale: railway, postal and telegraph, seamen, textile, fuel, metallurgical industries (which includes armaments), food, education, publishing and printing, and transport.

NOW UNIFIED

"China is now a unified country," states the All-China Federation of Labour circular, "and there will be nation-wide plans for economy, production, management, and a wage system. It is therefore essential to have national trade unions through which the workers of the entire nation can voice their opinion. Thus, the working class and the trade unions can contribute more in the work of construction."

"Through these trade unions, the cultural and technical level, as well as the class-consciousness of the workers, can be raised, and the fixing of a national unified wage system and workers' welfare regulations in every trade can be facilitated." — United Press.

RAIN EASES WATER-SHORT NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 27. — Rainfall during the past 24 hours added "some four days' supply" of water to the city's reserve, officials estimated today, and Commissioner Stephen Carney said there would be no more cuts until after the New Year.

Carney cautioned New Yorkers, however, to continue to save water, and suggested that they add that to their list of New Year resolutions.

Rainfall for the 24-hour period resulted in an increase of 3,910,000 gallons of supply, Carney said. The storage in reservoirs stood at 34.8 percent of the capacity, or about 88,050,000 gallons. A year ago the supply in reserve was 121,537,000,000 or 48 percent of the capacity.

Meanwhile, scientists assembled in this water-short city debunked fears that the world is running out of water and said that oceans can be a source of supply.

SALT WATER

Dr Howard Meyeroff, geologist and administrative secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that science has already taken machines to convert salt water for drinking purposes "out of the experimental stage."

Dr Meyeroff also speculated that atomic energy may in the future be used as fuel or heat for distilling salt water. He said the chemical technique of conversion probably will remain too expensive, but the evaporation technique is being improved. He said that scientists are approaching the point where the conversion of sea water into fresh is almost as economical as pumping fresh water long distances and altitudes.

Predictions on the future use of salt water were made by Dr Meyeroff, Dr Nelson Sayer, chief of the ground water division of the United States Geological Survey, and Dr Thornton Saville of New York University. They are attending the annual meeting of the Society here. — United Press.

DRENCHED, BUT HAPPY

New York, Dec. 27. — New Yorkers today were drenched—but happy. The city, critically short of water, had its heaviest downpour of rain since last spring.

With the rain came heat. It was New York's hottest December 27 on record, the temperature reaching 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Officials said supplies in the city's two big reservoir systems had risen by 611,000,000 gallons. — Reuter.

Store Fire In East Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 27. — Four persons were killed and five injured in a fire in an East Berlin department store, the Soviet sector, city government announced today.

It said the fire broke out when fireworks in the store went off. — United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

1950 Figure Will Be Lower

New York, Dec. 27. — Mr Samuel Goldman, Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, left today on his way to Jerusalem to attend an Agency meeting on January 12 concerning next year's immigration and colonisation programme.

He said that immigration to Israel in 1950 would probably not reach the 1949 figure of 280,000. Most Jews from displaced persons camps in Germany had been dealt with, while Jews in Eastern European countries were not allowed to leave.

The 1950 total might reach 300,000 if the East permitted the Jews there to leave, but this was not likely.

Discussing the internationalisation of Jerusalem, Mr Goldman declared that the United Nations decision on this question was "very unrealistic and unwise."

"The United Nations should never decide anything they cannot put through," he said.

COMPROMISE HOPE

"I can only hope that during the next few months a compromise can be worked out to internationalise the Holy Places of Jerusalem in which Israel will be of accord."

Mr Goldman, who is travelling in the liner Ile De France will fly from Le Havre to Jerusalem.

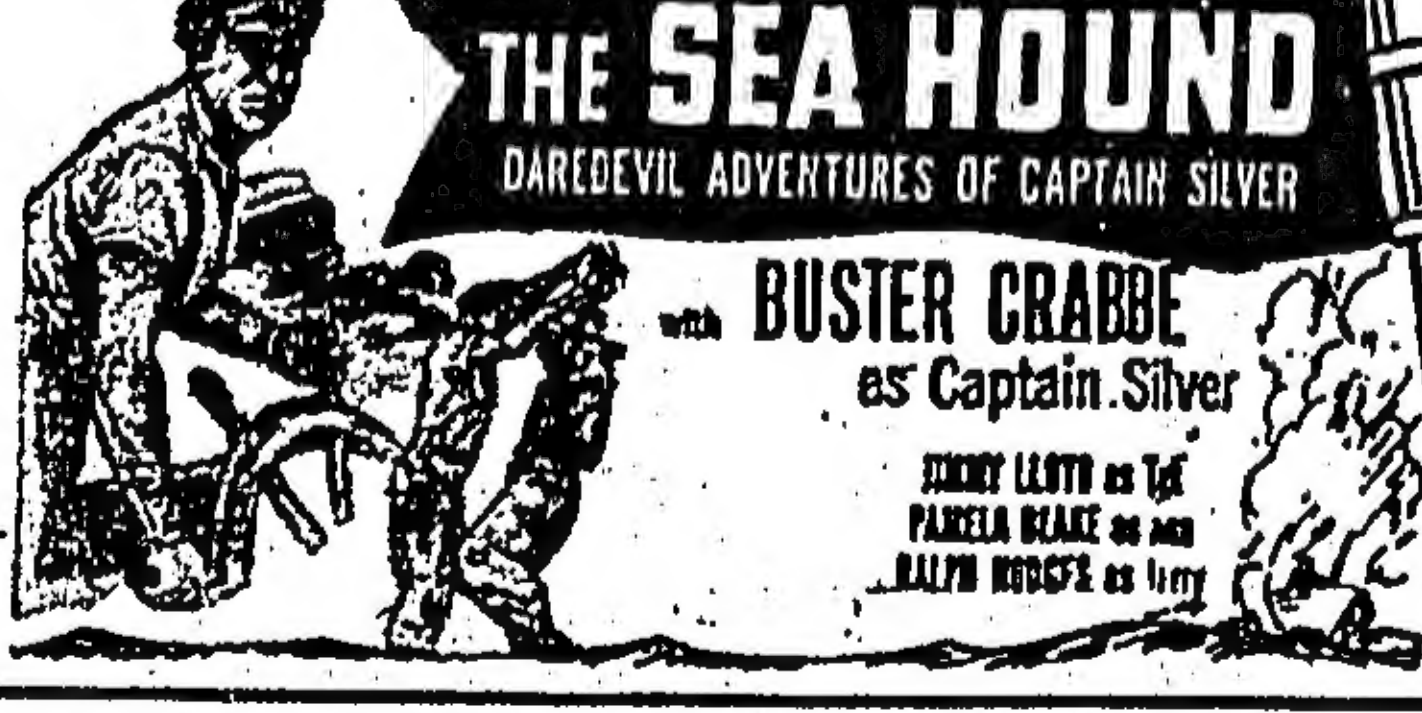
Another passenger in the Ile De France was Mrs Samuel Halpern, President of Hadassah, the largest Hebrew charitable organisation in the United States.

She said that during her five-week visit to Israel she planned to see the medical work being done in the six hospitals operated by Hadassah. She would also attend the meeting of the Jewish Agency, of which she is the only woman member. — Reuter.

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